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AGW in Eisenach

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1. In late March 1954, 600 x 350 cc motorcycles could not be delivered by the BMW automobile factory at Kissenach, because the pertinent electric generators were not available. On 13 April, source learned that the situation at the plant had not changed.¹
2. Source learned that all East German motorcycle factories are suffering from a shortage of frame tubing. The BMW-350 cc motorcycle is fitted with a pressed frame tubing.

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1. Comment. The BMW automobile works at Eisenach was scheduled to manufacture 16,000 model R-35 motorcycles in 1953. By 31 October 1953, a total of 14,226 motorcycles had been completed. The 600 motorcycles mentioned in the present report would thus represent the motorcycle production of half a month on the basis of 1953 figures.

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